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TO: Airport Tenants
FROM: Cynthia Stewart, Airport Manager
RE: Updates on Runway Status



We have had some very interesting times at the Airport this weekend. There is some good news and some less good news. First, our compliments to the runway contractors, who managed to reach the weekend's target early. They were done by early Sunday evening with work that was not expected to be completed until the wee hours of Monday morning. Their crews worked extremely hard and were very productive.

However, over the weekend, additional pavement spalling, with serious FOD implications, was identified. Further, the video examination of our storm drainage system identified numerous pipe failures in various locations within the safety area of the long runway, and these pipes need to be replaced. Work began on that over the weekend; it is scheduled to be completed by Friday. The storm drainage system work is being performed concurrently with the pavement rehabilitation.

Therefore, the **FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENTLY PROJECTED SCHEDULE. IT IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. RAINY CONDITIONS MAY CAUSE FURTHER DELAYS.**

- As projected, **Runway 13R/31L** will reopen on Monday morning, March 12, 2001, at 7:00 a.m., with 4200 feet length available for south flow (at current posted weights)
- Also as projected, **Runway 13R/31L** will close again Tuesday morning, March 13, 2001, at 7:00 a.m., **for 48 hours.**
- **Runway 13R/31L** will reopen on Thursday morning, March 15, 2001, at 7:00 a.m., with approximately 5200 feet available; and
- On Friday morning, March 16, 2001, at 7:00 a.m., we hope to open **Runway 13R/31L** with the full 10,000 feet of pavement available.

We will send out another fax and e-mail on Tuesday evening to update you on the status at that time and let you know what to expect as the week progresses. We are still reserving the right



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to have further updates and work to complete the project through the duration of next week, though our goal remains to get all work completed and full runway recovery by Sunday, March 18, 2001, at the latest. If we can do this, we will have taken a maximum of 18 days, 2-1/2 weeks, to get back in full service. We fully appreciate what this is doing to your businesses, and we are doing all that we can to get you back in service. With luck, it will be less time!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK NOTAMS FOR EXACT (CHANGING) DETAILS ON THE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR THE SHORT RUNWAY, RUNWAY 13L/31R AND FOR CLOSURES OF THE LONG RUNWAY, RUNWAY 13R/31L.

Please continue to leave your questions and concerns with our receptionists at 206-296-7380, or you may e-mail me at cynthia.stewart@metrokc.gov, and we will continue to send out updates to answer your questions as we can.

Thank you again for your patience and good will throughout this difficult time.